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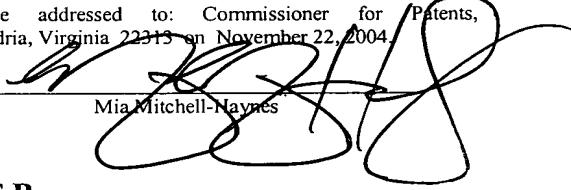
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Title: RETRACTABLE HAT TETHER DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT B**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 3, lines 2-13, please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present invention provides a retractable hat tether apparatus for a hat having a cap portion. The tether apparatus includes a mounting assembly having a guide portion adapted to affix to the cap portion, and a guide base slideably mounted to the guide portion for movement thereof along a fixed path between a first position and a second position. The tether apparatus further includes a clip device is configured for releasable attachment to a user's clothing, and a flexible tether having one portion